

SIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
AT 7.00PM ON WEDNESDAY 13TH JUNE 2023

PRESENT

Cllr M Turner (Chair), Cllr J Hayward (Vice-Chair), Cllr N Deller, Cllr A Gibbons, Cllr C Smith, Cllr I Smith, and Cllr J Sparrow, and Cllr M Evemy (CDC).
Clerk to Council, Mr R Cowley, and Mr Peter Clegg, Chief Executive of the Bathurst Estate were also present.

Cllr Turner opened the meeting at 7.00pm

1 – APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

2 – MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 10TH MAY 2023

The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting were unanimously approved as being a true record.

3 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

There were no matters arising.

BATHURST ESTATE

The Chair invited Mr Peter Clegg, Chief Executive of the Bathurst Estate to provide an update to the Council.

Mr Clegg reported that the Estate had discussed proposals for the old Talland site with CDC planners. These had included

- renovations of the old stables into workshops and small business units
- conversion of some building into dwellings
- three to four new build dwellings
- space for more carparking for the church
- restoration work on the tithe barn

CDC planners had rejected the proposals for dwellings, saying that area was not part of the village. Bathurst Estate were now looking for a business partner to help try to progress the proposals.

Cllr Evemy (CDC) would discuss further with Mr Clegg and the planners outside the Parish Council meeting.

Mr Clegg was advised that the Parish Council wished to make improvements to the facilities at the playing field, but that funding being forthcoming would depend on the Council having longer security of occupation than the remaining few years of lease from the Bathurst Estate. Mr Clegg was happy to discuss this further with the Council.

Mr Clegg would also check up on progress with regard to land for the graveyard extension next to St Peter's Church.

Mr Clegg was asked whether as an adjacent landowner the Bathurst Estate would support the proposal for closure of Green Lane to motor traffic and its conversion to a bridleway. Mr Clegg would discuss and come back to the Council.

The Chair thanked Mr Clegg for his time and report, and Mr Clegg then left the meeting.

4 – CHAIR’S REPORT

The Chair had nothing to report that was not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

5 – POLICE REPORT

There had been no Police Report. The Clerk would write to the Police to remind them of the importance of the monthly reports, and to suggest a regular (six-monthly) attendance in person.

6 – NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

The application forms had been completed and were ready for submission to CDC.

7 – FLOODING MATTERS

There was no update to be provided.

10 - OUTSTANDING & HIGHWAYS ISSUES LIST

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Silted up gully in Park Way near The Twenties (GCC-11355490) 17.03.22 – Added to works list for coming financial year. 	23.02.22
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faded weight limit sign at Park Way / Ashton Rd junction – (GCC-11244507) Clerk chased Jan 2019. RG (Highways) chasing. Clerk chased Jan 2020 and Sep 2022. 	25.08.16
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flooding by old railway bridge on Ashton Road. Done. HE checking every 6 months. Monitor situation. Glos Highways drainage works Dec 2022. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rough parking area at Upper Siddington 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Footpath sign down on Coach Road opposite school. (GCC-11348847) 	05.01.22
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30mph sign on Siddington Rd from north - and posts damaged on gateway sign. (GCC-11365464). Chased Sep 2022. Chased Mar 2023. Clerk to chase again (Jun 2023), and also hidden in hedge foliage. 	17.05.22
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Missing 30mph gateway sign on Ashton Road. (GCC-11365467) 26.05.22 – job raised for replacement. 29.07.22 – awaiting work. Chased Sep 2022. Chased Mar 2023. 	17.05.22
<u>OTHER ISSUES</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dropped kerb on Siddington Road opposite Church Avenue. RC meeting RG 14.10.22. Possible 2023-24 under 50/50 Community Offer. Clerk to chase again (Jun 2023). 	Sep 2022

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uneven surface of path from Pound Close to School. RC emailed Glos PROW – looking at 10.10.22 	Sep 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excessive foliage along east side of road between Preston Toll Bar and junction with South Cerney Road (close to Siddington Mill). 	Oct 2022

Hedge overgrowing road and footpath on both sides of Siddington Road between Church Avenue and Cherry Tree Drive – Clerk to write to Bathurst Estate.

9 – HEALTH & SAFETY MATTERS

- Defibrillator provision for Upper Siddington.
 - The Clerk reported that South West Ambulance Trust had approved the proposed location
 - A quote had been received for digging the trench at the playing field, and whilst other quotes would be sought, it was agreed to consider potential alternative locations in the area.

10 – PLANNING

Planning applications received at Cotswold District Council to 8th June 2023

- **23/01130/FUL**
Applicant: Mr John Shannon, c/o agent Mr Mervyn Dobson, 12 Christchurch Road, Cheltenham, GL50 2PL
Proposal: Erection of 1.8m high green plastic coated wire mesh fence on wooden fence posts set at 2m intervals on south western boundary and south eastern boundary adjacent to existing public footpath at Siddington House, Siddington, GL7 6EU
Consultation expiry date: 31st May 2023. New details.
NO COMMENT
- **23/01391/FUL & 23/01392/LBC**
Applicant: LLB, c/o agent Mr James Hoar, Llewelyn-Bowen Design, 42 Castle Street, Cirencester, GL7 1QH
Proposal: Erection of rear single storey extension. Reinstating former staircase, replacing courtyard window with door and opening up a new doorway from an existing stud wall at Roberts House, South Cerney Road, Siddington, GL7 6EX
Consultation expiry date: 12th June 2023 & 19th June 2023
The Council felt that the proposals would improve the building.
SUPPORT
- **23/01405/FUL**
Applicant: Mr Roger Wright, c/o agent Mr Tim Bennett, 26 New Street, Chipping Norton, OX7 5LJ
Proposal: Erection of rear extension to replace existing conservatory at 12 Nursery View, Siddington GL7 6HN
Consultation expiry date: 5th June 2023
NO OBJECTION
- **23/01597/OUT**
Applicant: Robert Hitchins Ltd, The Manor, Boddington, Cheltenham, GL51 0TJ
Proposal: Residential development for up to 280 dwellings, associated works including infrastructure, ancillary facilities, open space, landscaping and pumping station. Construction of a new vehicular access off Kingshill Lane (Outline application) at land west of Kingshill Lane, Cirencester
Consultation expiry date: 21st June 2023

The Council had grave reservations regarding the potential increase in traffic at Preston Toll-bar, and the size of the development without substantial infrastructure improvements.

OBJECTION

Planning decisions at Cotswold District Council to 8th June 2023

- **23/00834/FUL**

Erection of two storey rear extension and single storey front porch to existing dwelling, replacement windows throughout and rendering over existing concrete block walls at 88 Siddington Road,
GL7 1PF – Application permitted.

Update on Severells Field development

Cllr Evemy reported that the CDC Enforcement Officer had visited the site today, and had contacted the developer regarding the breach of Condition 13 of the Planning Inspector's Decision Notice: "No works shall commence on site on the development hereby permitted until engineering details of the proposed footway/cycleway improvement works as outlined by drawing number 151675/A/07 have been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority and no occupation of the dwellings shall occur until the approved works have been completed and are open to the public."

Update on Anesco Solar Farm development

No further update.

11 - PLAYING FIELD / FOOTBALL CLUB / CRICKET CLUB

No update.

12 – GRAVEYARD EXTENSION

This had been covered earlier in the meeting.

13 – FINANCE

The monthly schedule of payments for June had been circulated with the agenda, along with the monthly accounts statement and finance spreadsheet.

The amounts noted for June were:

£50.00 – Siddington Village News – donation (June)

£52.00 – Siddington Village Hall – room hire (April & May)

£672.00 – Fenland Leisure Products – playground parts

£8.39 – Krystal Hosting Ltd – website domain fee

£870.00 – R O W Berry – playground repairs as per RoSPA report

£25.80 – PATA (UK) – payroll services

£140.29 – R Cowley – expenses (phone, mileage, stationery, GCC survey fee)

R Cowley – salary (May & June)

HMRC – PAYE & NI

Trim Trail

Cllr C Smith had secured a further reduction in the quote from the preferred supplier and it was agreed to proceed. Cllr C Smith would continue to investigate crowdfunding and other funding options and what was involved.

14 – POTENTIAL CLOSURE TO TRAFFIC OF GREEN LANE - UPDATE

Cllr Spivey (GCC) was chasing up the survey with GCC, which the Parish Council had paid for.

15 – CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 GAPTC call for motions for AGM.
- 2 CDC Cotswold Round Up newsletter.
- 3 Written reports sent prior to Cirencester Flood Meeting on 19th May.
- 4 GCC Councils Connected newsletter.
- 5 GRCC Newsbites newsletter.
- 6 CDC Business Matters newsletter.
- 7 Revised trim trail quote.
- 8 GAPTC networking and training information.
- 9 Information on replacement picnic benches for the playground. The Council agreed to proceed with replacing one deteriorated bench with a new one (to incorporate wheelchair access). The Clerk would place the order and instruct Bob Berry to install.

16 – COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Evemy reported that

- he was looking into complaints about an apparent car meet in Tesco car park that had disturbed residents at Wildwood Park.
- CDC's AGM had taken place on 24th May and he had been re-elected Deputy Leader of the Council with responsibility for Finance and Waste & Recycling.

17 - PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

28 – NEXT MEETING

The Chairman thanked members for attending, and the meeting closed at 8.25pm. The next Parish Council meeting would be at on Tuesday 11th July 2023 at 7.00pm in the Committee Room at the Village Hall.

Chair